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NOTE VERBALE DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 23 February 1994, there appear to have been 36 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,433.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18-22 February 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
				(18 February: no violations reported)	
				(19 February: no violations reported)	
1420	20 Feb.	0500	0605	AWACS made radar contact 13 kilometres north-west of Posusje, heading north. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter with a dark bottom and a red cross. The helicopter proceeded north to the vicinity of Vitez, where it reversed heading. Contact was lost 5 kilometres south of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 130 knots 8,000 feet
1421	20 Feb.	0925	1004	AWACS made radar contact 3 kilometres south of Tomislavgrad, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter, which was observed dropping a large container by parachute 2 kilometres north of Tomislavgrad. Contact was lost 15 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 110 knots 9,500 feet
1422	20 Feb.	0954	1004	AWACS made radar contact 7 kilometres north-west of Posusje, heading south-east. Contact was lost 2 kilometres south-east of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east 110 knots 9,500 feet
1423	20 Feb.	1410	1411	United Nations military observers observed a Gazelle helicopter flying north from Brodanska Gradiska and exiting the no-fly zone across the Sava River into Sector West. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low
1424/ 1425	20 Feb.	1525	1530	United Nations military observers observed two green camouflaged Gazelle helicopters flying from Pustara and entering the no-fly zone near Bordanska Gradiska. A short time later the same two Gazelles were observed returning to Pustara. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South then north Slow Low
1426	20 Feb.	1747	1754	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres south of Posusje, heading south-west. Contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 110 knots Low

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1427	20 Feb.	1808	1825	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf, heading south. Contact was lost 2 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 120 knots 5,700 feet
1428	20 Feb.	1849	1850	UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter landing at the quarry in Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing Slow Low
1429	20 Feb.	2022	2045	AWACS made radar contact 2 kilometres south of Gorni Vakuf, heading south-west. Contact was then lost 3 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 125 knots 10,500 feet
1430	21 Feb.	1257	1308	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter land in Rumboci. The helicopter departed a short time later, flew to the island of Scit and landed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	Landing then south Slow Low
1431	21 Feb.	1540	1541	UNPROFOR personnel observed a green helicopter flying 15 kilometres south of Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Slow Low
1432	21 Feb.	1554	1605	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres north-west of Banja Luka, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated but were unable to make visual contact before the contact exited the no-fly zone. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North 150 knots Unknown
1433	21 Feb.	1620	1625	United Nations military observers personnel observed a helicopter with military colours flying low from Brodanska Gradiska, heading north. The helicopter landed in Okucani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Low
1434	21 Feb.	1819	1832	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres west of Prozor, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an unidentified helicopter landing at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 130 knots 2,600 feet
1435	21 Feb.	2000	2032	UNPROFOR personnel observed a flashing light circling low over the Vitez camp. Subsequently, AWACS made a radar contact 23 kilometres south-west of Vitez, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter, which proceeded to Posusje where it landed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 100 knots 3,000 feet

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1436	2 Feb.	2201	2250	AWACS made radar contact in the vicinity of Posusje, heading north. At 2208 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter overflying Gorni Vakuf, heading north. The contact proceeded to Vitez, where contact was lost for a short time, then picked up again heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 120 knots 4,000 feet and after 8,500 feet
1437	21 Feb.	2358	0019	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres west of Vitez. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter, which landed at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 130 knots 9,600 feet
1438	22 Feb.	0947	1140	This flight started as an UNPROFOR-approved MEDEVAC flight of an olive green MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. 12244) with Serb flag and red cross markings, from Zaluzani to Knin. It became a violation when it departed from Knin before it was inspected by the UNPROFOR representatives. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west then north-east Slow Low
1439	22 Feb.	1000	1001	UNPROFOR personnel observed a green helicopter with a red cross inside a white circle flying north-east in the area of Lopatici 10 kilometres north of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Unknown
1440	22 Feb.	1157	1158	UNPROFOR personnel observed a grey Gazelle heading west and landing at Zaluzani. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Landing Slow Low
1441	22 Feb.	1225	1230	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and red cross markings 20 kilometres south-east of Vitez, heading north-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-east Slow Low
1442/ 1443	22 Feb.	1615	1616	UNPROFOR personnel observed two white MI-8 helicopters flying in the vicinity of Posusje, heading north-east. The unauthorized flights occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
1444	22 Feb.	1808	1857	AWACS made radar contact 30 kilometres south of Prozor, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a helicopter which landed in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 120 knots 5,500 feet

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1445	22 Feb.	1847	1953	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres south of Vitez, heading north. At 1850 hours, UNPROFOR personnel in Vitez observed a helicopter flying over their position and land at the quarry. At 1924 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed the helicopter taking off from the quarry. At 1930 hours, AWACS made radar contact 34 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. Contact was lost 2 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 120 knots 5,600 feet
1446	22 Feb.	2012	2105	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres south-west of Prozor, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a helicopter. At 2030 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter circling low over the Vitez camp. The helicopter landed at the Vitez quarry. At 2038 hours, AWACS made radar contact 34 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. Contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North 150 knots 10,000 feet
1447	22 Feb.	2201	2317	AWACS made radar contact 8 kilometres north of Posusje, heading north. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. AWACS lost contact in the vicinity of Vitez. At 2229 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter overhead their location in Vitez. At 2241 hours, AWACS made radar contact again 22 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. Contact was lost 2 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North then south 110 knots 11,000 feet
1448	23 Feb.	0112	0134	AWACS made radar contact 35 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a camouflaged MI-8 helicopter flying without lights. The helicopter continued to Posusje, where it landed. There were three other helicopters already at the landing site. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-east Slow Low
1449	23 Feb.	0900	1330	A green MI-8 helicopter (Tail No. 12369) with Serb flag and red cross markings departed Pale at 0900 hours as an UNPROFOR approved MEDEVAC (No. 461) from Pale to Zvornik via Sokolac. The flight became a violation when it failed to land at Zvornik as approved. A similarly coloured and marked helicopter was observed by United Nations military observers in the vicinity of Zvornik, flying along the River Drina, heading north-east. The helicopter returned to Pale 2 hours 15 minutes after its approved arrival time. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east then south-west Slow Low
1450	23 Feb.	0930	0931	UNPROFOR personnel observed a camouflaged helicopter with Bosnian Serb markings flying low over Vlascenica 45 kilometres north-east of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Slow Low

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1451	23 Feb.	1203	1214	United Nations military observers were requested by local Serb authorities at Banja Luka airfield to witness the test flight of a Gazelle. The military observers advised the local authorities that the flight was not approved and informed the Monitoring and Close Air Support Coordination Centre (MCCC) of the Serb intentions. MCCC relayed the information to the NATO Combined Air Operations Centre. The Gazelle took off at 1203 hours and landed at 1214 hours, when NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact and approached. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Orbiting Slow Low
1452	23 Feb.	1300	1301	UNPROFOR personnel observed a green helicopter with a red cross in a white circle flying north-east in the area of Lopatici 10 kilometres north of Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Unknown Unknown
1453	23 Feb.	1332	1333	UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross land 25 kilometres south-west of Vitez, pick up casualties and depart. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing then taking off Slow Low
1454	23 Feb.	1448	1453	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres north-west of Brcko, heading south-east. Contact was lost 5 kilometres west of Brcko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east Slow Low
1455	23 Feb.	1459	1504	AWACS made radar contact 35 kilometres south-east of Banja Luka, heading south. Contact was lost 20 kilometres north-east of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South Slow Low